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COUNTRY Germany REPORT [REDACTED]

TOPIC Gadow-Rossow Air Force Training Area 618880

EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] PREPARED 12 March 1954REFERENCES [REDACTED]PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]REMARKS [REDACTED]

This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. During the late morning hours on 25 November 1953, [REDACTED] formation of single-engine aircraft believed to be IL-10s over the Gadow-Rossow air force training area. Subsequently the aircraft approached the range several times, dropped bombs and attacked ground targets with their guns.

2. Between 28 January and 4 February 1954, detonations were heard almost daily from the direction of the Gadow-Rossow bomb range. On 4 February, [REDACTED] noise of flying aircraft and about 15 separate detonations. 25X1

3. On 9 February [REDACTED] the radio installation near Rossow was equipped with a radio mast about 10 meters high. A truck was parked near the mast, which was braced four times. A cable extended from the truck to a temporary building nearby. 25X1

4. On 9 February, the air force detail stationed in Rosenack numbered between 80 to 100 men. [REDACTED] this detail was connected with Wittstock airfield but also worked at the Gadow-Rossow air force training field. [REDACTED] another air force unit was stationed in Gadow. This unit was also connected with Wittstock airfield and likewise worked at the Gadow-Rossow bomb range. The latter air force unit's personnel strength was not as great as the other in Rosenack. 25X1

Comment. Prior to the re-transfer of bomber units to the USSR in the summer of 1953, the Gadow-Rossow bomb range was mostly used by these units. It is believed that the installation has been used since that time by component units of the ground attack division in Brandenburg, for bomb release and air-to-ground firing practices. The presence at the bomb range of special air force details results from the character of targets set up at this installation. Target reflectors have been set up there for aircraft approaching the field with airborne radar equipment. The radio installation observed near Rossow also indicates that the bomb release and firing practices are controlled from the ground. The fighter regiment from Wittstock probably also uses the bomb range.

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